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SUBJECT: KOREA IN 28TH GA: DEVELOPMENTS NOVEMBER 20 - II:

DUTCH-ALGERIAN AGREEMENT

REFERENCE: USUN 4931

SUMMARY: NETHERLANDS AND ALGERIAN AMBASSADORS AGREED EARLY AFTERNOON NOVEMBER 20 ON CONSENSUS TEXT AS IN US-PRC AGREEMENT. AMBASSADORS ARE TO INFORM FIRST COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BORCH IN EARLY AFTERNOON THAT CONSENSUS HAS BEEN NEGOTIATED, THAT IT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO COSPONSORS PRIOR TO ANNOUNCEMENT BY FIRST COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN PROBABLY MORNING NOVEMBER 21. CHINESE INDICATED SOME PROBLEM WITH DPRK COSPONSORS MAY REMAIN. END SUMMARY.

1. HALF HOUR AFTER VAN DER KLAUW LEFT USUN FOR FOLLOW-UP MEETING WITH ALGERIANS AT UN (REFTEL), HE TELEPHONED TO PROVIDE NEW STATUS REPORT. HE HAD FOUND NORTH KOREANS TALKING TO ALGERIAN IN UN INDONESIAN LOUNGE. AMB RAHAL BROKE AWAY FROM THAT DISCUSSION TO TELL DUTCH DEPUTY THAT HE WISHED TO SEE AMB FACK IMMEDIATELY.

2. VAN DER KLAUW CONFIRMED TO BOTH RAHAL AND AZZOUT THAT ROK AND COSPONSORS HAD FOUND INSCRIPTION LANGUAGE UNACCEPTABLE. RAHAL RESPONDED AT THAT POINT THAT IF NORTH
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KOREANS INSIST ON INSCRIPTION LANGUAGE, ALGERIANS WOULD HAVE TO SUPPORT, "BUT IF THEY DON'T INSIST, WE ARE NO MORE NORTH KOREAN THAN THE KOREANS THEMSELVES."

3. LESS THAN HOUR LATER, VAN DER KLAUW TELEPHONED US FROM DUTCH MISSION, REPORTING THAT FACK AND RAHAL HAD COMPLETED MEETING AND THAT TEXT HAD BEEN SETTLED BETWEEN THEM. RAHAL HAD GONE THROUGH MOTION OF ARGUING FOR BOTH TUNISIAN PARAS THREE AND FOUR BUT SHORTLY CONCEDED. ALGERIANS ALSO AGREED TO DUTCH INSISTENCE ON RE-SUBSTITUTION OF ORIGINAL SCALI-HUANG LANGUAGE ("CONSENSUS", "COMMUNIQUE", "SOUTH AND THE NORTH", DELETION OF COMMA) NOTED REFTEL. THUS, DUTCH DEPUTY REPORTED, SCALI-HUANG TEXT INTACT.

4. VAN DER KLAUW SAID FACK AND RAHAL HAD AGREED TO REPORT TO FIRST COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN 3:30 P.M. THAT TWO HAD REACHED UNDERSTANDING ON CONSENSUS. IT HAD BEEN TENTATIVELY AGREED BETWEEN FACK AND RAHAL THAT TWO SIDES WOULD HAVE COSPONSORS' MEETINGS FOLLOWING FIRST COMMITTEE AFTERNOON MEETING. AFTER COSPONSORS' MEETING, PERHAPS IN EARLY EVENING, THEY WOULD BRING AGREED TEXT TO BORCH TO ARRANGE FOR CHAIRMAN TO READ TEXT AT OPENING OF NOVEMBER 21 MORNING SESSION.

5. THAYER SUBSEQUENTLY TELEPHONED CHOU TO CONFIRM UNDERSTANDING. CHOU APPARENTLY (BUT HE IS NORMALLY RESERVED IN THESE SITUATIONS) HAD NOT RECEIVED AS MUCH INFORMATION THROUGH ALGERIANS AS WE HAD FROM DUTCH. SINCE WE WERE HAVING OUR COSPONSORS' MEETING AT 6:00 P.M., THAYER TOLD CHOU, WE WOULD WISH CONFIRMATION THAT OTHER SIDES COSPONSORS WOULD ALSO BE MEETING TODAY. CHOU SAID HE WAS NOT SURE ABOUT DPRK COSPONSORS' MEETING, PARTLY BECAUSE AT THIS POINT HE WAS NOT SURE WHAT TO EXPECT FROM COSPONSORS. WHILE WE AGREED TO REMAIN IN TOUCH WITH CHOU DURING AFTERNOON SO THAT WE WOULD EACH BE IN POSITION TO INFORM OUR COSPONSORS WHATHOTHER COSPONSORS WERE DOING, WE MADE CLEAR TO CHOU THAT, REGARDLESS OF DPRK SIDE, ROK COSPONSORS WERE ENTITLED ON NOVEMBER 20 TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM DUTCH ABOUT AGREEMENT WITH ALGERIANS. CHOU DID NOT DEBATE THIS POINT.

5. CHOU THEN REVERTED TO QUESTION HE HAD RAISED IN 1:15 A.M. TELEPHONE CALL ABOUT PRO-ROK SPEAKERS INSCRIBED FOR NOVEMBER
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26. HE ASKED IF WE WERE ATILL PREPARED TO WITHDRAW THEM. THAYER CONFIRMED THAT OUR SIDE WOULD BE WILLING TO TAKE ANY STEPS THAT WOULD FACILITATE CONSENSUS. HE POINTED OUT TO CHOU, HOWEVER, THAT WE COULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO WITHDRAW SPEAKERS OR TO OTHERWISE VACATE NOVEMBER 26 AGENDA UNLESS WE HAD IRONCLAD GUARANTEE ON FINAL CONSENSUS, A GUARANTEE WHICH MUST INCLUDE PUBLIC STATEMENT BY CHAIRMAN. CHOU ALSO INTRODUCED QUESTION OF WHWT WEDNESDAY SPEAKERS WOULD SAY IF CHAIRMAN WERE TO READ OUT TEXT AT OPENING. WE REPLIED WE DID NOT THINK THAT SHOULD BE PROBLEM AND WE WOULD WORK WITHHOUR SIDE IN CONSULTATION WITH HIM TO MAKE APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS.

6. IN THIS CONVERSATION, WHICH TOOK PLACE IN EARLY AFTER-

NOON, CHOU INDICATED CONTINUING WORRY ABOUT SOVIET "MISCHIEF
MAKING" AND WOULD ONLY COMMIT HIMSELF TO REMAINING IN TOUCH
DURING REMAINDER OF DAY.
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